MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Has any investigation been made into the existence of cocoanut palm disease at Kottarakara?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Agricultural Inspector at Kottarakara has investigated, and he is advising the owners of the trees on the treatment that should be followed.

Applications for Agricultural Loans.

33. MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of applications for agricultural loans made from the Kottarakara and Kunnattur taluks to the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon and the Land Revenue Commissioner and pending disposal in their offices on 17-11-1104?

(2) Will they be pleased to state what would be the period of pendency of each of these applications?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) A statement* containing the information asked for by the member in respect of the Kottarakara taluk is laid on the table.

No application from the Kunnattur taluk was pending before the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, or the Land Revenue Commissioner on the 17th Mithunam 1104.

Opening of a Road from Edava to Kappil.

34. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation regarding the necessity for opening a road from Edava Betel market to Kappil in the Chirayinkil taluk;

(*b*) whether the matter has been considered by them at any time and, if so, with what result; and

(*c*) whether they would consider the desirability of taking early steps to open this road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) Yes. The matter was referred to the Chief Engineer who considers an investigation necessary.

Trace from Kallambalam to Karetil.

35. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken with regard to the conversion of the trace running from Kallambalam *via* Nagarun to Karetil in the Chirayinkil taluk into a cart road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer reports that the bad portions of the road have been improved this year as far as possible from the maintenance grant. A preliminary estimate for improving the whole length of the road has just been received from the Chief Engineer, who has applied for administrative approval for the work.

* *Vide* Appendix VI—page 41.

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